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Title : Price hike of essential commodities.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): The price of essential commodities is increasing rapidly. The prices of sugar, onion, potatoes, various vegetables and pulses are increasing rapidly causing suffering to the people of our country, particularly the wage earners are suffering a lot. The wages of those who are maintaining their livelihood by drudgery are not increasing, but the price of essential commodities is increasingly rapidly. The Government is totally silent in this respect.

I would request the hon. Home Minister, who is present here, and also the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to take suitable steps to that poor people can have essential commodities at an affordable price. Otherwise, the poor people will be suffering a lot. That is why, I seek your intervention so that the prices of essential commodities can be restricted or contained. Suitable steps should be taken so that the poor people can have essential commodities at an affordable price. Otherwise, mainly the wage earners will suffer a lot. This is a very important issue. I seek your indulgence and direction in this regard.